

Amendments to the Specification:

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Referring to the figures, the flashlight construction of the invention is comprised of three molded plastic component parts; namely, an upper or outside or top housing or housing section 10 depicted in Figures 5, 6, 6A and 7; a generally mirror image bottom or inside or lower housing or housing section 12 depicted in Figures 8, 9, 9A and 10 and a molded battery cover 14 for the battery chamber section of the joined housings 10, 12 depicted in greater detail in Figures 2B, 2C and 2D. The flashlight construction further includes a flexible, elastic, conductive metal clip 16 attached to the outside surface of housing section 10 and projecting through the outer housing section 10 to provide for controlled closure of an electric, direct current series circuit. Contained within the joined housings 10, 12 is a direct current circuit assembly depicted in Figure 11 including a light emitting diode 20 connected with an insulated cathode wire 22. The cathode wire 22, in turn, is connected with a conductive metal biasing member 24 in contact with series arranged, disc shaped batteries 32, 34. The light emitting diode 20 is further connected with a lead wire anode 26 that is insulated but electrically connected ~~form~~ from LED 20 to a cylindrical, conductive metal contact 28. Contact 28 is positioned within the housings 10, 12 for engagement by flexed clip 16 through a passage 17 in housing 10. The circuit assembly of Figure 11 is retained within the housings 10 and 12 for cooperative action with first and second lithium disc shaped batteries 32 and 34 as well as the metal clip 16.

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In the preferred embodiment, the light construction utilizes two 2016 coin cell lithium 3-volt batteries in series. Any of a number of light emitting diodes having various wavelength characteristics may be utilized. For example, an infrared, ultraviolet or white light, light emitting diode may be utilized in the flashlight construction. An incandescent bulb may be utilized. Further, it is possible to color code the molded plastic housings 10 and 12, for example to indicate the wavelength of the light emitting diode. For example, for an ultraviolet flashlight construction, the plastic housing may be molded from a blue plastic material, for example, an ABS plastic material. For an infrared flashlight construction, the molded plastic components may be manufactured from a red ABS plastic material. Other colors may be utilized. However, the color coding system facilitates the functionality of the flashlight construction enabling the user to immediately understand the capability of the flashlight in terms of the wavelength associated with the light emitting diode (LED).

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The Referring to Figure 12, the battery chamber or battery section 13A of the housings 10, 12 comprises a generally cylindrical chamber having a cylindrical axis 11B that is transverse to the longitudinal axis 15. The longitudinal axis 15 thus comprises a cylindrical axis for the tubular section 11 of the housings. Axis 11B defines a cylindrical axis for the chamber section 13B. The axes 11B and 15 are generally normal to each other.